

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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**DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION**

A SENATE RESOLUTION to honor and memorialize Richard Surber for his contribution to special education and special needs individuals in Indiana.

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## SENATE RESOLUTION

MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION to honor and memorialize Richard Surber for his contribution to special education and special needs individuals in Indiana.

*Whereas, Richard Surber graduated from Indiana University in 1953 and then pursued a career in speech and hearing therapy. Later, he earned a Master's Degree in Special Education in order to assist physically and mentally challenged individuals;*

*Whereas, upon graduation from Indiana University, Mr. Surber served as a lieutenant in the United States Air Force as a wing training officer at Dover Air Force Base in Dover, Delaware from 1954 to 1956;*

*Whereas, after serving in the United States Air Force, Mr. Surber became the Special Education Director for the Michigan City public school system where he served disabled Hoosiers for fifteen years;*

*Whereas, Richard Surber established and improved special education opportunities throughout the state and authored a*

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*book on special education for the State of Indiana. He continued to further the cause of special education while working as Special Education Director at Co-op in Crown Point, Indiana;*

*Whereas, Richard Surber established the Michigan City Sheltered Workshop where handicapped adults learn skills and earn a paycheck. The highest achiever at the workshop receives an annual award named after Richard Surber;*

*Whereas, as president of ICASE, the Indiana Council for Special Education, he lobbied the Indiana General Assembly on behalf of disabled Hoosiers to obtain funding and create programs to help our mentally and physically handicapped citizens;*

*Whereas, in addition to his dedication to handicapped Hoosiers, Richard Surber was dedicated to helping animals as well. He bred beagles and cared for lion and tiger cubs until they were ready to be placed in zoos or parks. He was also the president of the Michigan City Zoo Society;*

*Whereas, Richard Surber's dedication to helping disabled Hoosiers has impacted the lives of countless people in Indiana and is greatly appreciated: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the Senate of the State of Indiana honors and memorializes Richard Surber for his contributions to special education in the State of Indiana.

SECTION 2. That the Senate expresses its deepest sympathy to the family of Richard Surber for its loss.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to



transmit a copy of this Resolution to Mrs. Mary Surber, Mr. Tim Surber and Mr. Thomas Surber.

